

Amendment to the Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A device for conditioning subjects, especially children, to perform specific tasks such as bathroom visits during potty training comprising: a signal circuit for producing a signal; and timer means connected to the signal circuit for setting a normal time interval for potty training activity and activating the signal circuit at the end of the time interval to alert the children to another activity, the [timer means] signal circuit including means for automatically initiating [a selected number of] one or more additional shorter time intervals at the end of the normal time interval or at the end of an additional shorter time interval in the event no potty training activity takes place during the previous time interval.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising: an accomplishment switch operable with the timer means [to] upon actuation to interrupt and reset the timer means to [the normal] another time interval.

Claim 3. (original) The device as claimed in claim 2 further comprising: visual means to display timer intervals and real time.

Claim 4. (original) The device as claim in claim 1 wherein the produced signal is audible.

Claim 5. (original) The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the produced signal is visual.

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Claim 6. (original) The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the produced signal is vibratory.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the timer means further includes means to produce an alert signal to indicate that a [normal] time interval signal will be activated at a near future time.

Claim 8. (original) The device as claimed in claim 3 further comprising: graphic means selectively displayed on the visual means.

Claim 9. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 8 further comprising: pause means for deactivating

and reactivating the signal circuit[,] and the accomplishment switch.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 5 further comprising: graphic means selectively displayed on the visual means, and pause means for deactivating and reactivating the signal circuit[,] and the accomplishment switch.

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Claim 11. (currently amended) A device for conditioning subjects[, especially children] comprising: a housing; a signal circuit for producing a signal carried by the housing; timer means connected to the signal circuit for setting a normal time interval and activating the signal circuit near the end of the normal time interval and at the end of the normal time interval, the [timer means] signal circuit including means for automatically initiating additional [shorter] time [intervals] interval signals near the end and at the end of the additional [normal time interval] intervals and having programming controls positioned on the housing; an accomplishment switch accessibly positioned on the housing and operable with the timer means to interrupt and reset the timer to the normal time interval when activated; visual means operably

connected with the housing to display timer intervals; and a clock operably associated with the timer means to show the time remaining before the next signal activation on the visual means.

Claim 12. (original The device as claimed in claim 11 further comprising: a speaker proximate the housing to produce an audible signal.

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Claim 13. (original The device as claimed in claim 12 further comprising: a microphone supported by the housing to receive audible signals and introduce the received signals to the speaker.

Claim 14. (original) The device as claimed in claim 13 wherein the housing is an elliptical shell with a central opening, the visual means is a graphics display positioned within the opening, and further comprising: a hanger for supporting the housing; and a clip secured to the housing for maintaining the device against independent movement.

Claim 15. (original) The device as claimed in claim 14 further comprising: a vibrator carried by the housing operable to receive a produced signal.

Claim 16. (original) The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein a number of normal time intervals is set by comparing the first and subsequent manual operations of the accomplishment switch correlated to a 24 hour period and establishing the new normal time intervals ending at the times of peak probability of signal activation.

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Claim 17. (original) The device claimed in claim 15 wherein a number of normal time intervals is set by comparing the first and subsequent manual operations of the accomplishment switch correlated to a 24 hour period and establishing the new normal time intervals ending at the times of peak probability of signal activation.

Claim 18. (original) The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising: reward means selectively operable upon activation of the signal circuit to provide physical incentives to the subject upon successful task completion.

Claim 19. (original) The device as claimed in claim 2 further comprising: reward means selectively operable by the accomplishment switch to provide physical incentives to the subject upon successful task completion.

Claim 20. (original) The device as claimed in claim 11 further comprising: reward means selectively operable by the accomplishment switch to provide physical incentives to the subject upon successful task completion.

Claim 21. (original) The device as claimed in claim 18 wherein the rewards means is a selectively openable container holding candy or other treats.

Claim 22. (original) The device as claimed in claim 20 wherein the rewards means is a selectively openable container holding candy or other treats.

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